

POINT OF CARE

Abstract of the Disclosure

A computer-implementable method and apparatus provides concise bits of information at the point of care within the confines of a provider-patient relationship.

- 5 Interactive computer screens display information to the provider in the form of selectable indications, drugs, methods and evidence-based articles. Health care organizations may integrate this computer-implementable method into the general work flow of patient care to provide timely information to the provider. The computer-implementable method and apparatus may be integrated into existing
10 health care patient systems or may be instituted as a stand-alone application. The computer-implementable method allows the provider to drill down for digestible bits of information, within the system, to receive information at levels consonant to the need of the given situation in patient care. At any time, the provider may choose to receive more comprehensive bits of knowledge or have the information electronically
15 mailed for later study. Integrated within the main point of care information system is a computer-implementable method used to write prescriptions for patients. The prescription writer permits the provider to either manually enter the prescription based on the original drug selection or lets the computer-implementable method issue a prescription. The prescription writer issues prescriptions based upon rules set forth
20 in the computer-implementable method regarding dosing of a previously chosen drug and the patient information available to the computer-implementable method.